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This grant funded a number of related investigations on the physics of high energy emission from active galactic nuclei, such as Seyfert galaxies and quasi-stellar objects. Here we describe briefly the chief conclusions of the work, and provide citations to the papers supported by this grant and published in the refereed scientific literature.

**Research Accomplishments***"Warm" Galaxies Observed in X-rays*

Infrared, optical, and X-ray observations are presented for a sample of "warm" infrared selected galaxies listed in the IRAS Point Source Catalog (PSC). These galaxies have also been observed serendipitously in X-rays by the *Einstein* Observatory. From low resolution optical spectra, we find that all have emission lines, indicating a Seyfert or H II region type nucleus. Many of these galaxies were previously uncatalogued. Based on the X-ray detection rate of our small sample, we conclude that large numbers of warm IRAS Seyfert 1-1.9 galaxies may be detectable in X-rays by future surveys such as *ROSAT*. This work has been more fully described by Green *et al.* (1989).

*X-ray/Infrared Correlations in Galaxies*

For a large, heterogeneous sample of active and normal galaxies, we contrast *Einstein* X-ray and IRAS infrared emission, using survival analysis to exploit the information contained in upper limits. X-ray to infrared flux ratios prove to be an excellent criterion for selection of

broad-line optical emission. A strongly significant correlation exists between luminosities in the  $60\mu m$  and 0.5-4.5 keV bands, with a clear offset separating broad-line from normal and narrow-line galaxies. Among individual galaxy classes, radio-loud quasars show a significant correlation of  $L_X$  to  $L_{60\mu m}$  that is not seen in radio-quiet quasars or Seyferts as individual classes. Our analysis of the empirical relationship between  $L_X$  and  $L_{60\mu m}$  for normal and narrow optical emission line galaxies (excluding Seyfert 2s) allows us to convert published  $60\mu m$  IRAS luminosity functions into estimates of the 2 keV X-ray luminosity function of IR-emitting galaxies. We use this luminosity function to estimate the contribution to the soft X-ray background of these lower-luminosity IR-emitting galaxies out to  $z_{max} = 3$ , deriving contributions of 5-25% depending on the evolutionary model applied. This work has been more fully reported by Green *et al.* (1991, 1992).

### *The Contribution of Active Galaxies to the Cosmic X-ray Background Radiation*

The contribution of very faint QSOs to the cosmic X-ray background (XRB) is investigated using an optically-selected QSO sample in SA 68.2, in conjunction with archived *Einstein* X-ray images. The use of an optically “complete” sample avoids many of the uncertainties that have plagued previous estimates, and a highly flexible form of the IPC data base permits easy selection of X-ray data to achieve optimal S/N. A new generalization of the “X-ray image stacking” technique is presented; this new approach tests for a positional “correlation” between positive X-ray fluctuations, and the locations of the optically selected QSOs. Although the available X-ray data are of only modest depth, correlation with thirty SA 68.2 QSOs permits a highly sensitive ( $\sim 5\sigma$ ) measurement of the *ensemble mean* X-ray flux for QSOs with  $19 < B_J < 22$ ; effectively, a limiting sensitivity of  $1.2 \times 10^{-14}$  erg/sec/cm<sup>2</sup> (0.3–3.5 keV), equivalent to a 600,000 sec IPC exposure, is achieved. Including the contribution from such faint QSOs, (at least)  $\approx 31 \pm 5\%$  of the XRB can be directly attributed to discrete sources. Application of the correlation approach to *Einstein* and ROSAT deep survey images will permit a probe of the XRB contribution of faint QSOs (and other objects) to well below the  $\sim 10^{-14}$  erg/sec/cm<sup>2</sup> level typically achieved for *individually-detected* objects. This work has been more fully described by Wu *et al.* (1991) and Wu and Anderson (1992).

## *An Unusual X-ray Emitting Starburst Galaxy*

We report observations of a remarkably bright ( $V \sim 13$ ) starburst nucleus, 0833+652, which we have detected at radio, infrared, optical, ultraviolet, and X-ray wavelengths. Despite an observed flux at each of these wavelengths which is comparable to that of NGC 7714, often considered the “prototypical” example of the starburst phenomenon, 0833+652 appears to be a previously uncatalogued object. Its ease of detectability throughout the electromagnetic spectrum should make it useful for a variety of problems in the study of compact emission line galaxies. This work has been described by Margon *et al.* (1988).

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